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PREFATORY NOTE.

AS is the case with several other colleges, Trinity Hall has suffered the loss of nearly the whole of its ancient library. Of the books bequeathed to it by its founder, Bishop Bateman, two at most survive. A list of the bishop's gifts is preserved and has been printed in the *Proceedings of the Cambridge Antiquarian Society* (II. 73; 1864): its character is certainly not such as to make us much regret the loss of the books which it enumerates. They were chiefly reference works in Canon and Civil Law, and the commoner theological and liturgical stock-in-trade of a fourteenth century ecclesiastic. I had at one time hoped that a good many of these books would come to light in the library of Gonville and Caius College, with which, of course, Bateman was connected: but in this expectation I have been disappointed.

Such manuscripts as Trinity Hall possessed at the end of the sixteenth century, after the removal of its earlier treasures, were catalogued by Thomas James in his *Ecloga Oxonio-Cantabrigiensis*, published in 1600 (p. 138). There were then seven of them, all of which are still to be found *in situ*. Bernard reprinted James's list in the *Catalogi Manuscriptorum Angliæ et Hiberniæ* (1697). Since then the only published list known to me is that in Haenel's *Catalogi* (1830) p. 783, in which 49 items are enumerated: fifteen (nos. 35—49) are collections on Law by Dr Dickens, four or five others are similar late books, and one is oriental. Of these I have little to say. The medieval manuscripts, which alone are described in detail, are twenty-nine in number, and several of these are of considerable interest. A short classification of them according to subject will probably not be unwelcome¹.

Of Bibles there is only a part of one, and that not remarkable: there are also a gloss on Psalms and a compendium of the earlier part of the Old Testament.

¹ Dr H. Schenkl, in his *Bibliotheca Patrum Latinorum Britannica*, as usual gives useful notes on the patristic MSS.

Of Liturgical matter there is none. To the Patristic class belong an early Life of St Martin (the oldest of the manuscripts), by Sulpitius Severus, and a slightly later Ambrose: also a good Josephus, and a volume of Augustine. In later Theology, Ralph of Flavigny on Leviticus (a fine book), Thomas Walden, Dymoke against the Lollards, are the most notable.

General literature is best represented by a very curiously and copiously illustrated French version of Boethius, with the *Châtelaine de Vergy*, and the *Regale du Monde*. I have never seen a book quite like this: the pictures are evidently copied partly from an older illustrated copy of the same books, and partly from a richly illuminated Psalter: they are rough reproductions of good originals.

The unique History by Thomas of Elmham of the Abbey of St Augustine at Canterbury is certainly the best known of the Trinity Hall manuscripts, and quite the most valuable. A specially interesting feature in it, which has not, I think, been adequately noticed, is to be found in its careful and skilful facsimiles of ancient charters.

There are other less interesting historical books, an *Imago Mundi* and a *Polychronicon*. The last department worthy of mention is that of Canon Law, to which belong the two books identifiable as legacies of the Founder.

All the most interesting part of the collection was the gift of one man; the good and zealous Cambridge antiquary, Robert Hare. His name appears in the following books in my list: 1, 2, 3, 5, 10, 11, 12, 16, 17, 24, 28. The Thomas of Elmham, with its curious stipulation, the Boethius, the Walden and Dymock, are all in the group.

More, perhaps, need not be said by way of introduction: but I should like to thank the Rev. H. S. Cronin, B.D., Fellow and Librarian of Trinity Hall, for the facilities he has granted me in working at the manuscripts here described.

Uffenbach's account (*Merkwürdige Reisen* III, 45) of the Library of this College is rather full and interesting. He begins by calling the library "sehr schlecht," which is unjust. Then he says that of the seven MSS. mentioned in *Cat. MSS. Angl.* he could hardly find any. He proceeds:

The most remarkable and best MS. was certainly a vellum book

of considerable size—about five spans high or long, written in large letters and fairly old. It is a *Chronicon Anglicanum*, of which I could find no author nor, as can readily be imagined, a title. On the cover was written in pencil (“Reissbley”) “Thomas Elmham.” [He doubts whether this were an author’s or owner’s name, but recognizes that the book is a chronicle of St Augustine’s Abbey.] Besides this I found the following MSS. which I thought worth noting :

Cod. membr. in 4, two fingers thick..Ambrosius de virginitate: sermonem Isidori Ep..... [I do not give the titles he quotes at length.]

Item in fol. Cod. Chart. recentissimus Joh. Corbelli [Cowel] J. D. C. et in Acad. Cant. Profess. Institutiones Juris Anglicani ad methodum et seriem Institutionum imperialium [not described here].

[He then quotes an inscription in the book.]

Item Vol. in fol. membr. Victorinus de Juribus Angliac, codex erat recentior: a thumb thick.

Item Vol. in 4 membr. 3 fingers thick containing 1 Steph. Langeton Archiep. Cant...in prophetas etc.

Further I saw a Vol. in fol. Chart. Ymago mundi per Vincentium...

Item Cod. membr. in fol. Rad. Flav. super Leviticum.

Vol. in 4 membr. Sulp. Severi vita S. Martini etc.

Item Cod. memb. in 4, two fingers thick. Liturgia D. Jacobi Apostoli caret initio, prefixed is the note: S. Jacobi Apostoli nomine apud graecos in usu Liturgia est quam ut veram germanamque illius scripturam Proculus CPol. agnuit et Synodus oecumenica sexta. Petrus Galesimus [Galesinius] in suo Martyrol. fol. 98 parte secunda. More correctly below is written: Non est haec divi Jacobi Liturgia cuius meminit Galesinius sed collectio Lectionum quae in Eccl. orientali festis diebus etiamnunc leguntur e Prophetis Proverbiis et Sapiaentia Salomonis sumta. This Codex however is ex dono Richardi [Roberti] Hare 1605 from whom many other MSS. also came. [This Greek Lectionary is apparently no longer to be found.]

Item Cod. in 4 membr. cujus initium. Inc. Prologus in librum contra duodecim errores etc.

Item Cod. in 4 Chart. Electa de Epp. P. Blesensis.

Item Vol. in fol. membr. Josephi historiarum etc.

Item Vol. in fol. membr. Doctrinale Ecclesiae contra blasfemias Wiclef.

Lastly a Vol. in fol. membr....Aug. de Civ. dei etc.